



COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO  
**Department of Agriculture/Weights and Measures**

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To: All Pesticide Applicators

From: San Luis Obispo County Department of Agriculture

Subject: Protection of Bees

According to Section 6654 of the California Code of Regulations, any person intending to apply any pesticide which is moderately or highly toxic to bees traveling to or visiting a blossoming plant/crop (including blossoming weeds within a crop) shall inquire of the County Department of Agriculture, whether any apiaries are located within **one mile** of the application site and whether the beekeeper has requested notice of such an application. A pesticide can be determined to be moderately or highly toxic by referring to the product label.

If apiaries are located within one mile of the application site and the beekeeper has requested notification, it is then required that the applicator notify the beekeeper at least 48 hours in advance of the application. The applicator must inform the beekeeper of the time and place the application is to be made, the crop, the presence of flowering plants, the acreage to be treated, the method of application, the identity and dosage rate of the pesticide to be applied and how the applicator may be contacted by the beekeeper. The 48 hours can be increased or decreased by agreement of both the beekeeper and the person making the application.

Beekeepers are required to register with the County Department of Agriculture each year. If the beekeeper requests pesticide notification, they must be available by phone during a specified two-hour period, seven (7) days a week. Please feel free to contact the San Luis Obispo County Department of Agriculture if you have any questions.

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